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EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION REGULATIONS

Faculty of Philosophy, Theology
and Religious Studies

Master in Philosophy (60 ECs);

- These education and examination regulations (EER-FPTR) enter into force on 1 September 2015.
- The General Part (Part 1), the Programme-Specific Part (Part 2; separate documents for each programme) and the Final and Transitional Provisions (Part 3) make up separate elements of the 2015-2016 EER-FPTR.
- The General Part (Part 1) applies to all students.
- The Programme-Specific Part (Part 2) applies to all students *of the specific programme*.
- Part 3 (the Transitional and Final Provisions) applies to all students.

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PART II PROGRAMME-SPECIFIC PART (MASTER'S PROGRAMMES)

Paragraph 13. General provisions for Philosophy (60 ECs)

Article 13.1 Applicability of the general part

The master's programme in Philosophy is subject to the provisions laid down in the general part of the present EER insofar as the following does not provide otherwise.

Article 13.2 Joint degree not applicable

Article 13.2a Different times of enrolment

Contrary to what is stated in article 1.3a of these regulations, the master's programme in Philosophy has the following entry points:

- a) 1 September;
- b) 1 February;

Paragraph 14. [deleted]

Paragraph 14a. Structure and teaching periods of Philosophy

Article 14a.1 Specific exit qualifications

Without prejudice to the general exit qualifications described in the general part of the present EER, Philosophy students who have successfully completed the degree programme possess an academic mentality that includes the following aspects:

1. Knowledge and understanding

- a. The graduate possesses a thorough knowledge and understanding of a specialist area of philosophy, and to that end is familiar with:
 - the core problems and basic concepts with which the specialist area is concerned;
 - the primary texts of the principal authors, plus the relevant secondary literature in the field.
- b. The graduate possesses a solid knowledge and understanding of another specialist area of philosophy, and to that end is familiar with:
 - at least one author or philosophical problem within that specialist area;
 - the primary and relevant secondary literature relating to that author or problem.
- c. The graduate knows and understands how his or her specialist area relates to both philosophy in general and to contemporary culture in the broadest sense.

2. Application of knowledge and understanding

- a. The graduate is capable of independently carrying out the various steps of philosophical research, and specifically:
 - defining a problem with philosophical relevance and translating it into a research question and an outline for shaping that research;
 - gathering relevant literature (both primary and secondary sources) in light of the problem and the research question;
 - meticulously interpreting the texts used and critically analysing the philosophical problem;
 - drawing conclusions from the research performed and relating those conclusions to the problem and the research question.
- b. The graduate possesses the skill necessary to meticulously use both philosophical and non-philosophical texts in accordance with commonly accepted academic standards, and specifically how to present the material in notes and a bibliography.
- c. The graduate is capable of making the philosophical knowledge that he or she has acquired accessible for a wider audience and applying that knowledge to a concrete case study from social practice.

3. Opinions

- a. The graduate is capable of independently forming opinions on authors and philosophical problems relating to his or her specialist area. To that end, he or she is capable of:
 - placing a text that he or she has studied or a question in the relevant context;
 - analysing the structure of the arguments used in philosophical texts and questions and judging whether those arguments are formally correct;
 - critically assessing the substance and scope of philosophical texts and questions.
- b. The graduate is capable of adopting a position of his or her own on a question relating to his or her specialist area.

4. Communication

- a. The graduate is capable of communicating both in person and in writing about independent research; specifically, the graduate is capable of presenting the results of his or her research in person to specialist and non-specialist audiences using the relevant resources.
- b. The graduate is capable of participating in contemporary social debates, both in person and in writing.

5. Study skills

- a. The graduate possesses study skills that give him or her the capability to independently set up and conduct philosophical research.
- b. The graduate possesses study skills that enable him or her to apply or relate elements of his or her specialist area to current philosophical issues or new problem situations.

Article 14a.2 Structure of the degree programme

1. With due observance of the provisions of the general part of these regulations, the Philosophy degree programme comprises the following components and the corresponding study loads:

	Specialisation: Continental Philosophy: <i>phenomenology, hermeneutics and psychoanalysis</i>	
1	Master's seminar on the specialisation	10 ECs
2	Master's seminar on the specialisation	10 ECs
3	Master's seminar outside the student's specialisation or internship	10 ECs
4	Elective programme	10 ECs
5	Master's thesis	20 ECs
		60 ECs

	Specialisation: Analytical Philosophy <i>Cognition, language and culture</i>	
1	Master's seminar on the specialisation	10 ECs
2	Master's seminar on the specialisation	10 ECs
3	Master's seminar outside the student's specialisation or internship	10 ECs
4	Elective programme	10 ECs
5	Master's thesis	20 ECs
		60 ECs

	Specialisation: Practical Philosophy <i>Critique of modernity</i>	
1	Master's seminar on the specialisation	10 ECs
2	Master's seminar on the specialisation	10 ECs
3	Master's seminar outside the student's specialisation or internship	10 ECs
4	Elective programme	10 ECs
5	Master's thesis	20 ECs
		60 ECs

	Specialisation: Philosophy and Science (English-language specialisation)	
1	Master's seminar on the specialisation	10 ECs
2	Master's seminar on the specialisation	10 ECs
3	Master's seminar outside the student's specialisation or internship	10 ECs
4	Elective programme	10 ECs

5	Master's thesis	20 ECs
		60 ECs

Article 14a.3 Different language in the programme and interim examinations

Contrary to what is stated in article 2.1a of these regulations, the Philosophy degree programme is taught and the interim and final examinations are conducted (at least in part) in English.

Paragraph 15. [deleted]

Paragraph 15a. Admission to Philosophy (60)

Article 15a.1 Admission requirements for Philosophy (60)

1. Admission to Philosophy (60 EC) is extended to:
 - a) any person who has successfully completed the bachelor's programme in Philosophy at the Radboud University Nijmegen or another Dutch university;
 - b) any person who has successfully completed the pre-master for the Philosophy degree programme.
2. Students who have sufficiently demonstrated, at the board of examiners' discretion, their suitability to attend the degree programme are also admitted to the degree programme.

Article 15a.2 Pre-master

1. If not all admission criteria have been met but the admissions board is nevertheless of the opinion that the deficiencies can be remedied within a reasonable period of time, the scope and the content of a pre-master programme will be determined upon request.
2. At the minimum, admission to the pre-master programme is extended to:
 - a) any person who has attained an academic bachelor's degree;
 - b) any person who has attained a bachelor's degree from a university of applied sciences and who scored an average final grade of 7.50 or higher.
3. Admission to the pre-master programme is also potentially extended – based on a selection interview – to any person who has attained a bachelor's degree from a university of applied sciences and who scored an average final grade of 7.00-7.50.
4. The programme for the pre-master includes the following components and the corresponding study loads:

	Any 10 of the following 12 subjects:	
1	Metaphysics	5 ECs
2	Epistemology and Philosophy of Science	5 ECs
3	Philosophical Anthropology	5 ECs
4	Philosophical Ethics	5 ECs

5	Social and Political Philosophy	5 ECs
6	Philosophy of Cognition	5 ECs
7	Philosophy of Language	5 ECs
8	Logic	5 ECs
9	History of Ancient Philosophy	5 ECs
10	History of Medieval Philosophy	5 ECs
11	History of Modern Philosophy	5 ECs
12	History of Contemporary Philosophy	5 ECs
	Mandatory thesis	10 ECs
		60 ECs

Article 15a.3 Language requirements for the degree programme

1. In view of the provisions on this subject in paragraph 2, a sufficient command of Dutch is required for students to participate in the Philosophy (60) degree programme.
2. Contrary to what is stated on this matter in the general part of the present EER, in principle the ‘Philosophy and Science’ specialisation is taught, and interim and final examinations administered, in English.
3. Participation in the education and interim examinations of the ‘Philosophy and Science’ specialisation requires a sufficient command of English. Students must prove, to the satisfaction of the board of examiners, that they possess a sufficient command of the relevant language to be admitted to the degree programme.
4. The language requirement is met at the minimum if the student:
 - a) possesses a Dutch ‘VWO’ (pre-university education) diploma, or
 - b) possesses a higher diploma from an English-language institution, or
 - c) possesses one of the following certificates: TOEFL, with a score of at least 577 (‘paper-based’), 233 (‘computer-based’) or 90 (‘Internet-based’); IELTS, with a score of at least 6.5; Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE) or Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE), with a score of C or better.

Article 15a.4 Registration capacity not applicable

Article 15a.5 Admission procedure for the master’s degree programme not applicable

Article 15a.6 Restrictions for moving on to the master’s degree programme

The board of examiners may decide to admit to certain components of the master’s degree programme students who have registered for a bachelor’s degree programme at the university within the meaning of article 15.a1, item 1(a), and who, after this bachelor’s degree programme, wish to be admitted to this master’s degree programme but who have not yet obtained the relevant bachelor’s degree, in

anticipation of their enrolment in this master's degree programme. For these purposes, the board of examiners will only extend admission to students who can prove

- a) that they have completed the bachelor's final paper with sufficient results, and
- b) that they have obtained at least 160 ECs of the bachelor's degree programme. ECs awarded in the context of exemptions may be included.

Article 15a.7 Admission requirements not applicable

Paragraph 16. Interim and final examinations for Philosophy

Article 16.1 [deleted]

Article 16.2 Limitation of validity period of the results obtained not applicable

Article 16.3 Participation in interim examinations

Students are permitted to participate in the relevant interim examinations twice each academic year.

Article 16.4 Standard exemptions not applicable

Article 16.5 [deleted]

Article 16.6 Degree

1. Any student who has successfully completed the master's degree programme will be awarded the university degree of Master of Arts.
2. The degree awarded is stated on the certificate.

----- *End of Part 2 Master in Philosophy (60)* -----

See Part 3 for the transitional and final provisions (separate document).